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KHARTOUM, KUWAIT, RABAT, TEL AVIV, TRIPOLI, TUNIS, USUN NY,
USCINCEUR FROM BEIRUT APRIL 13 TH:

QUOTE: BEIRUT 4313

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR PINS LE US

SUBJECT: ' ARAFAT EMBELLISHES ' BIG LIE'

1. IN COMMENTS QUOTED IN AT LEAST TWO BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS
APR 13, YASIR ' ARAFAT RENEWED FEDAYEEN CHARGES OF US COM-
PLICITY IN APR 10 ISRAELI RAID AND ADDED SOME NEW EMBELLISH-
MENTS. FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS, AS THEY APPEARED IN IN-
DEPENDENT AL BAYRAQ, FOLLOWS (NON- ESSENTIAL WORDING ELIMINATED):
BEGIN TEXT: ' ARAFAT SAID FORMER US AMB TO LEBANON ARMIN
MEYER, WHO HAD BEEN SPECIALLY APPOINTED TO HEAD JOINT US CIA-
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TEAM WORKING WITH COORDINATION OF STATE
DEPARTMENT AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE TO COMBAT ALL PALES-
TINIANS EVERYWHERE, HAD PLANNED PLO REP HAMSHARI ASSASSINATION
IN PARIS SHORT WHILE AGO. SAID THREE DAYS AFTER KHARTOUM OPERA-
TION TOOK PLACE, US INTELLIGENCE INSPIRED REPORT IN WORLD NEWS
MEDIA THAT IT HAD RECORDED VOICES OF ' ARAFAT AND SALAH KHALAF
ALLEGEDLY PROVING THAT ' ARAFAT HAD ISSUED ORDERS FOR KILLING TWO
AMERICAN DIPLOMATS. STRESSED THIS LEAK WAS PLOT TO JUSTIFY FUTURE
EFFORT TO ASSASSINATE COMMANDER OF PALESTINE REVOLUTION.
RE INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY AND US INTELLIGENCE IN
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ISRAELI APR 10 RAID ON BEIRUT AND DEATH OF THREE FEDAYEEN LEADERS,
' ARAFAT CLAIMED BLACK STATION WAGON BEARING EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC
TAGS WAS STATIONED DURING TER TO SUDAN AIRWAYS WITH COPY
TO EMBASSY. FURTHER ADVISE BORROWER NEWS RELEASE INCLUDING
ABOVE DETAILS SCHEDULED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT HERE NEXT FEW DAYS.
EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDED ADVANCE TEXT FOR THEIR INFORMATION
PRIOR TO WASHINGTON RELEASE.

6. OTHER THAN DISCUSSION WITH BORROWER, IT IS IMPERATIVE ABOVE
INFORMATION BE WITHHELD PRIOR TO SUBJECT PRESS RELEASE.

7. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE GOS AND SUDAN AIRWAYS THAT AS
SECURITY FOR ITS FINANCING, EXIMBANK WILL REQUIRE GUARANTEE
OF GOS AND MORTGAGE ON BOTH AIRCRAFT.
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